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SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS REPORTS OF US RECONSIDERATION OF PAK ARMS

- 1. DELHI PRESS SEPTEMBER 12 CARRIED REPORTS OF WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW WITH BHUTTO STATING THAT BHUTTO HAS RENEWED HIS DEMAND FOR RESUMPTION OF US ARMS SHIPMENTS. POST CORRESPONDENT IS CITED AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHER SENIOR US OFFICIALS DO NOT AGREE THERE IS US COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY ARMS TO PAKISTAN UNDER PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS; "KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES" DO SAY THAT BHUTTO'S APPEALS ARE NOW GETTING "SERIOUS ATTENTION".
- 2. ALSO WIDELY REPORTED ARE BHUTTO'S COMMENTS ON SIKKIM ("SIMPLY THE LATEST DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR PSYCHOSIS--A CRAZETO DOMINATE, TO SPREAD THEIR WINGS"; "WE STAND VINDICATED IN OUR ANALYSIS. HALF OF OUR COUNTRY IS GONE. THEY MARCHED INTO GOA AND TOOK THAT. THEY HAVE GONE NUCLEAR. AND NOW THEY ARE SWALLOWED UP SIKKIM;" "DR. KISSINGER OUGHT TO CONSIDER SIKKIM WHEN HE COMES HERE. BUT THIS MUST BE SOMETHING HE DOES ON HIS OWN. WE CAN'T KEEP TELLING HIM WHAT INDIA'S INTENTIONS ARE, SHOWING THE MAPS.").
- 3. KAMATH IN THE TIMES OF INDIA ADDS BHUTTO DOES NOT CONTEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAKISTAN COULD OR SHOULD BECOME A MILITARY EQUAL TO INDIA BUT

SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH OF A DEFENSE CAPABILITY TO GIVE IT A SENSE OF SECURITY AND SELF-RESPECT. KAMATH SPECULATES THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF WASHINGTON GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO SUPPLYING ARMS TO PAKISTAN REMAINS AND WILL "NO DOUBT" BE RAISED DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW BY CABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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